

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, restriction is required as between Specie 1, claims 1-5, 11-19 (as amended) and 20-23 directed to a lamp driver assembly with synchronization output currents of individual drivers; specie II, claim 6 directed to a lamp driver assembly with common ignitor; specie III, claim 7, directed to a lamp driver assembly with only one individual ignitor coupled to individual driver output terminal; specie IV, claim 8, directed to a lamp driver assembly with synchronization means for ignitor means; specie V, claim 9, directed to a lamp driver assembly with parallel connected ignitor means; specie VI, claim 10, directed to a lamp driver assembly with mutually same power supplied by drivers; and specie VII, claim 11 (prior to amendment) and the claims dependent thereon, directed to a lamp driver assembly with sensor and safety control circuit.

This restriction requirement is respectfully traversed regarding claims 11-19 as amended herein.

Election of Species Under Traverse

In response, as a formality merely to comply with §818.03(b), Applicant hereby preliminarily elects claims 1-5, 11-19 (as amended) and 20-23, designated as Specie I, for an examination on the merits.

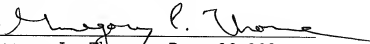
Arguments in Support of Traversal of Restriction

It is respectfully submitted that claims 11-19 as amended depend from claim 1, designated as specie I, although claims 11-19 prior to amendment, is designated in the Office Action as specie VII. It is respectfully submitted that claims 11-19 as amended, fulfill the requirement of unity of invention in that claims 11-19 are linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement between claims 1-5, 20-23 and claims 11-19 (as amended) be withdrawn and that claims 1-5, 11-19 (as amended) and 20-23 be examined on the merits and that claims 1-5, 11-19 (as amended) and 20-23 be allowed.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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